

IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION
Notice – Request for Proposals for the FY2006 Horse Racing Promotion Fund
March 2, 2006

The 1992 Legislature amended 99D.12 to provide a two-percent funding for a horse racing promotion fund. The statute reads:

Two percent shall be deposited by the commission into a special fund to be known as the horse racing promotion fund. The commission each year shall approve a nonprofit organization to use moneys in the fund for research, education, and marketing of horse racing in the state, including public relations, and other promotional techniques. The nonprofit organization shall not engage in political activity. It shall be a condition of the allocation of funds that any organization receiving funds shall not expend the funds on political activity or on any attempt to influence legislation.

The historical distribution is attached to this notice.

By this public announcement, notice is hereby given that parties interested in submitting a proposal for the \$4,158.39 available in the FY2006 Horse Racing Promotion Fund, should submit their request to the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC), 717 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 by 4:30 pm on April 3, 2006. Applicants must also submit an affidavit stating that funds will not be spend on any political activity or an attempt to influence legislation.

At the June 9, 2005, IRGC Commission meeting, the three equine associations and the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission staff recommended that the funds be awarded to Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Racing Chemistry. Dr. Hyde indicated that the funds would be utilized to assist in the acquisition costs of the Beckman EL-ISE electrolyte analysis system, which will allow the lab to accurately measure the level of TCO₂ in the blood of racing animals. The TCO₂ testing detects the practice of “milkshaking” a horse; the forced dosing of an alkalinizing agent such as bicarbonate to the horse for the preserved benefit of increased muscle stamina and delay of muscle fatigue. The per sample test charge would cover the cost of supplies, reagents, disposables, and labor to run the test, but would not cover the initial purchase of the instrument. Commissioner Bair moved to approve distribution of the Horse Racing Promotion Fund to Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Racing Chemistry Lab. Commissioner Jarding seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Racing Chemistry must submit a written accounting of how their FY2005 funds were utilized and additionally, submit an affidavit stating that none of the funds were spent on any political activity or an attempt to influence legislation.

This notice will also be on the IRGC web site www.iowa.gov/irgc/.

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